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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 1, please delete "**Field of the Invention**" and replace with

--Background of the Invention--.

At page 1, line 6, delete "Prior Art".

Enter a new page 27, submitted herewith, containing the Abstract of the Disclosure.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice.

Enter the following new claims.

11. A process for treating human skin and hair comprising contacting the skin or hair with an aqueous composition containing:

(a) an esterquat;